PROPOSAL F2003-19 (Deferred proposal F2002-22)

Existing regulation: Prince William Sound Area

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Reason for changing the regulation: The subsistence users have never customarily and traditionally had their names and addresses on their fishwheels, and should not have to do so today. The Subsistence Salmon Fishery Permit has the name and address of the fishwheel owner on the permit and also lists the users on the permit. This should be sufficient evidence as to who the fishwheel owner is and who the users are as listed on the permit.

Effect of change on fish or shellfish populations: This will not affect the finfish population. The subsistence users are allowed a harvest based on their household, which is stated on the Subsistence Salmon Fishery Permit.

Effect of change on subsistence users: The subsistence users will not have to make a metal or wood plate to put their name and address on and will not have to comply with this unnecessary regulation.

Additional Information:

Proposed by: Copper River Native Association, Copper Center